

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-34, for examination in the instant application. This election is made without traverse.

Non-elected claims 35-45 are hereby canceled, without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, applicants' rights to prosecute the subject matter thereof in an appropriate divisional application.

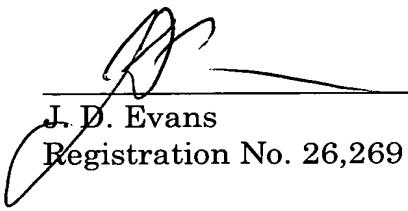
Claims 1-34 remain for examination. Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #147/50827).

Respectfully submitted,

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